

Individual Connection

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We are requesting an exemption from the
betterment assessment

- Connecting to the system is not a justifiable financial decision
 - Now or in the future
 - In comparison to the alternative
- Will create a financial burden
- Capacity could be put to better use

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Notes:

- Add \$7600 to #4 for individual system engineering
- Costs do not include cutting and repairing underground water, electric and cable utilities
- Exit to Independence Road – 650 Ft - deep trench and / or pump
- Additional costs depending upon path to stub location (easements)
- **Town stub cost could be significant (1 specific for #4?)**

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Costs to connect

Best Guesstimate (Probably too low)	\$29,940 (+\$7,600 = \$37,540)	7.5X
At 75% of Estimate	\$22,455 (+\$7,600 = \$30,005)	5.5X
At 60% of Estimate	\$17,964 (+\$7,600 = 25,556)	4.5X
Average Acton Connection Cost	\$4,000	

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- Not financially justifiable for us - or any future homeowner to connect
 - Cost to connect is more than 7-9 times the typical cost for other Acton homeowners
- Potentially creates a financial hardship
 - Re-mortgage – closing costs – higher interest rates
 - Home equity line - variable interest rates over time
- Costs are significantly greater than replacing the septic system
- Current septic only 15 years old – built on the ideal base of sand and gravel - many years of useful life left

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The town will need to face the funding requirements
for additional stub(s)

Capacity could be used to support other homes where
septic is a problem and who need to connect to the
sewer system

Request

When is a betterment not a betterment?

When there is nothing better about it!

We request an exclusion from the sewer
system and an exemption from the
betterment charges